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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA STUDIES: NATO BLUE BOOK ON WARSAW PACT FORCES

REFS: (A) MILSTAM (INT)-231-76 (DATED 13 DEC 76),
(B) STATE 5263 (DTG 102334Z JAN 77),
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(F) 76 USNATO 6789 (DTG 101548Z DEC 76)

1. DURING JANUARY 11 MBFR WORKING GROUP (WG) DISCUSSION
OF NATO BLUE BOOK, WG CHAIRMAN SUPPORTED SUGGESTION TO
USE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE (NFPDB) TO PROVIDE
DATA FOR FUTURE EDITIONS OF BLUE BOOK (PARA 8, REF A).
US REP AGREED (PARA 3, REF B). FRG REP ALSO AGREED,
BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THT BLUE BOOK REQUIREMENTS
MIGHT BE FORGOTTEN WHEN IT COMES TIME TO DEVELOP NFPDB
PROGRAMS. IMS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION REP SAID THEY ARE
SECRET

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NOW WORKING WITH SYSTEMS ANALYSIS STAFF TO ENSURE THT
NFPDB WILL BE ABLE TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF BLUE
BOOK AS WELL AS NAY OTHER SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE STUDIES
THAT MAY BE REQUIRED. WG AGREED TO DEFER COMPILATION
OF 1976 DATA ON WP FORCES, PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NFPDB PROGRAM FOR FUTURE BLUE BOOK EDITIONS.

2. CANADIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS BOTH SAID THEI
RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES BELIEVE BLUE BOOK DATA IS
ESSENTIAL FOR MBFR PURPOSES AND WOULD PREFER THAT IT

CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED AS AC/276 DOCUMENT UNDER WG
AUSPICES. FRG REP SAID BONN ALSO BELIEVES DATA IS
ESSENTIAL FOR MBFR PURPOSES, BUT IS NOT CONCERNED
ABOUT RUBRIC UNDER WHICH BLUE BOOK MIGHT BE PPBLISHED.
US REP DREW ON REFS B, C AND D IN ARGUING THAT BLUE
BOOK SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED AS MBFR DOCUMENT. INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION REP DOUBTED THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE WOULD
AGREE TO ISSUE DATA IN MC OR MCM DOCUMENT UNLESS THE DATA
WERE "NATO AGREED," WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY REQUIRE A
NEW, OR EXPANDED INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED
AS AN ALTERNATIVE THAT DATA MIGHT BE ISSUED IN AN INFORMAL
IMSM, THE DATA THEN MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE "NATO
AGREED." WG AGREED TO CONSIDER SUGGESTION.

3. US REQUESTED EARLY MEETING OF SGDS TO CONSIDER
PROBLEMS OF DATA FORMAT FOR FUTURE BLUE BOOK (PARA 5,
REF B). WG CHAIRMAN AGREED TO TRY TO SCHEDULE SGDS
SESSION IN EARLY FEBRUARY. (COMMENT: PARA 5, REF B
INDICATES US-PROPOSED FORMAT IN REF E IS PREFERABLE
TO FORMAT AT ANNEX, REF F, HOWEVER, REF E SEEMS TO
ADDRESS PRIMARILY COLUMN HEADINGS FOR THE DATA
FORMAT, WHEREAS ANNEX, REF F OUTLINES ONLY THE LEVELS
OF DISAGGREGATED DATA THAT WOULD FORM THE SERIALS
FOR THE DATA FORMAT. WE PRESUME THE PROBLEM IS
PARA 6A AND C OF REF E WHICH SUGGESTS THAT DATA BE
GIVEN FOR ONLY TOTAL MANPOWER AND MAJOR GROUND
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MANEUVER UNITS, WHEREAS ANNEX, REF F PROPOSES THAT
DATA BE BROKEN DOWN INTO MAJOR HQS, MAJOR COMBAT
UNITS, COMBAT SUPPORT AND SERVICE SUPPORT. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION PRIOR TO EARLY FEBRUARY
MEETING OF SGDS. END COMMENT.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST:

A) ANY WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL TO USE
IMSM AS DEVICE TO ISSUE NFPDB DATA FOR BLUE
BOOK, PER PARA 2 ABOVE; AND,

B) BUIDANCE ON DATA FORMAT FOR USE IN SGDS. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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